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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SIEBER'S CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VEST

1. GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER CALLED ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VEST FEBRUARY 24 TO SEEK INVITATIONS
TO WASHINGTON FOR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER AND
SED SECRETARY HERMANN AXEN. CITING MAY 1977
AIDE MEMOIRE AS CONTINUED BASIS FOR IMPROVEMENT
OF RELATIONS AND PURPORTING TO SEE FAVORABLE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL SPHERES, SIEBER CLAIMED
THAT SUCH HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WOULD CREATE
NECESSARY POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND GOOD CLIMATE.

2. SIEBER SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED THAT FISCHER
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OPEN DRESDEN EXHIBIT ON MAY 31. EXPRESSING
APPRECIATION FOR DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS
BUT CITING PECULIARLY HEAVY FOREIGN POLICY
SCHEDULE AT THAT TIME (SSOD, NATO SUMMIT AND
PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT),
ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT
BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE

SECRETARY AT THE TIME SUGGESTED. HE PROPOSED
INSTEAD THAT THE SECRETARY AND FISCHER TAKE UP
THE PAST YEAR'S DEVELOPMENTS IN SEPTEMBER AT THE
UNGA.

3. WITH REGARD TO CONGRESSIONAL VISITS, SIEBER
SAID HE REALIZED THAT IT WAS NOT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S
ROLE TO SPEAK FOR CONGRESS BUT WONDERED IF WE COULD
SUGGEST NAMES OF CONGRESSMEN WHO MIGHT INCLUDE THE
GDR ON A EUROPEAN ITINERARY. HE ALSO REPORTED
THAT HERMANN AXEN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN
OF THE VOLKSKAMMER'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, IS
"READY THIS YEAR" TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH
SENATORS AND, COINCIDENTLY, TO MAKE HIMSELF
AVAILABLE FOR OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF
THE EXECUTIVE. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON THE AXEN
PROPOSAL BUT NOTING CONGRESS' DESIRE THIS YEAR
NOT TO OVERLOAD ITS PLATTER, VEST SAID HE WOULD
TRANSMIT THE GDR'S INVITATION TO THE CONGRESS.

4. SIEBER HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DISCUSS AND HAD
NOTHING SPECIFIC TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF AGENDAS
FOR THE TYPE OF HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS PROPOSED.
HE THANKED VEST FOR HIS "CLEAR ANSWER." VANCE

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